

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor and Council

Borough of Harrington Park, New Jersey

February 19, 2019

(PAH) Call Meeting to Order

Time: 7:00PM

Mayor's Announcement:

In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the meeting was made. It is included in the Annual Meetings posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been emailed to the BERGEN RECORD, SUBURBANITE and THE NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been provided to individuals requesting the same.

(ALB) Roll Call:

	PRESENT	ABSENT
NAPOLITANO(AN)	X	
EVANELLA (GE)	X	
WALKER (DW)		X
BROCKMAN (JB)		X
PEDERSEN (JP)	X	
CHUNG (JC)	X	

Also present:

Mr. Kunjesh Trivedi (KJT)

Ms. Esther Bodeck, Substitute Borough Attorney

Ms. Carolyn Lee, Substitute Recording Secretary

(PAH) Flag Salute

(PAH) Minutes Approval

Sine Die-January 5, 2019

Motion: JP

Second: GE

Members had no comments or questions.

Vote: AIF JC abstained.

Reorganization Meeting-January 5, 2019

Motion: GE

Second: JP

Vote: AIF. JC abstained.

Regular Meeting-January 22, 2019 (Abstain DW – not present)

Motion: JP

Second: GE

Members had no comments or questions.

Vote: AIF

(PAH) Consent Agenda-Resolutions-

All matters listed under this section are considered to be routine by the Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion as listed below. There will not be separate discussion of these items. Should discussion be desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately under New or Old Business on the Agenda.

Consent Approval (A-C)

Resolution 2019-50-Granting Payment to School Crossing Guards for Inclement Weather Cancellations-Addendum A

Resolution 2019-51- Include Recreation Sports Program as Part of Borough Program Addendum B

Resolution 2019-52-Payment of Claims-Addendum C

Discussion : Addendum A

Resolution 2019-50

Granting Payment to School Crossing Guards for Inclement Weather Cancellations

GE noted that this resolution is a summarization and restatement on what unanimously agreed on in the previous meeting. There will be payment may to crossing guards for two snow days in a given calendar year. The details are in the resolution. It is retroactive to January 1, 2019. The regional high school had a snow day last week or the week before. The guards that were schedule for that day will receive their regular pay for that day. If there is another snow day, they will be paid as well.

KJT stated that there is a revised resolution that was handed to the Mayor and Council at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Dineen changed wording due to grammar. GE relayed that Addendum A in the agenda would be updated in the minutes with the updated resolution that was handed out at this meeting. The substance has not changed. KJT said that it will be included in the salary ordinance.

Motion: GE

Second: AN

No discussion or comments.

Roll Call: In Favor – JP, JC, GE, AN

GE thanked the Council.

Discussion Addendum C

Resolution 2019-51- Include Recreation Sports program as part of Borough program

JC stated that the resolution is to include Recreation Sports as part of the Borough. She spoke to the JIF representative and Borough Attorney. Recreation will start with baseball and softball. JIF representative is aware or the plan. This will reduce the cost for the programs to be insured. The Recreation Commission is building a website for the residents to register and pay. This will much easier for the residents and streamline sports while encouraging residents to sign-up. JC thanked the Recreation Commission for their effort to make things easier for the residents.

AN asked if there was added cost to the borough and if it is administrative hours added to the cost. JC said there is a fee for registration. The fee will cover the costs of the program. The

borough will receive the revenue instead of the individual associations. There are communication problems between Recreation, the Borough and the associations pertaining to field maintenance. This structure will make it easier for the municipality to have access to accounts, see what is happening and see how much is needed to help fund the management of the fields.

AN asked if there is enough staffing. JC mentioned that Recreation would like to create a Recreation Director position. Recreation will need to ensure that the fees collected will include all the costs. Baseball and softball will start registering soon. The first step is getting the people registered. We will merge the accounts. The Recreation Director position is something that the finance committee will continue to discuss.

GE is not sure this will work and has misgivings, but supports this resolution. JC noted that Harrington Park is the only town where there are still independent associations. We try to learn from other communities. If there are not enough volunteers or students, we can merge with other towns.

Motion: JC

Second: JP

Roll Call: AIF

Payment of Claims Resolution 2019-52 Addendum C* (corrected with number)

JP read the resolution whereas the claims submitted to the Borough of Harrington Park in the amount of \$959,730.01 set forth on the sheets. JP asked that the claims totaling \$4,243,324.08 be approved and ratified.

AN asked if there was a resolution number. KJT said that ALB was ill today and it was not assigned a number. KJT noted that it will be added to the minutes.

Motion: JP

Second: JC

Roll Call: In Favor

(PAH) Consent Correspondence “AA”

PAH said that correspondence can be sent via email and can be approved in the next month’s meeting.

Individual Committee Reports

(PAH) Mayor Hoelscher

(AN) Planning Bd., Bd. of Adjustment, Construction, Fire, Ambulance

There was a big drill at the old United Water facilities last week. It was organized by the Harrington Park Volunteer Fire Department and headed by HP Fire Chief, Mr. Murphy, and HP Assistant Chief, Mr. Barragato. The drill was for HP that also included River Vale, Old Tappan, Haworth, and several others. They put smoke in the building; practiced breaking down doors, in/out procedures; extracted people; bringing out firemen; tracking people in and out; testing equipment; setting up a command. The

Mayor was also present. AN noted that we are grateful for all the work that the HP Fire Department volunteers does. The volunteers in our town and surrounding towns would be impressed with the hours and professionalism that goes into in the work they do. AN wanted to recognize their effort. The drill was really impressive and we are proud of the leadership of the fire department for putting the drill together to train HP volunteers and other towns as well.

PAH said that most of the work took place on the side or rear of the building. There was a lot of equipment and it was very impressive. PAH complemented the Chief and Assistant Chief's efforts.

(GE) Police, Municipal Court, Personnel

GE reviewed the January Operating Report for the Police Department.

453 calls for service

162 traffic enforcement details

7 motor vehicle collisions – all on county roads

5 injuries from these 7 accidents

1 DUI arrest

Patrol drove 6,289 miles

37 Summons (13 by Officer Getto)

Overtime not compensated by the utility companies – approximately \$4,950

this amount will decline and will be at the anticipated amount.

O&E - \$15,000 for 3 months

\$11,200 for communications equipment that needed to be upgraded

this is a one time expense and do not anticipate having a problem with the budget for the year

1 internal affairs investigation - still pending

(DW) DPW, Building & Grounds, Sanitation/Recycling

(JB) Board of Health, Environmental Commission

(JP) Finance, Admin. & Exec., Grants

The annual financial report and annual tech service report is being submitted to the state.

There is \$1,684,000 surplus. They will meet in 2 weeks to discuss budget. March 2,

2019 meeting is the introduction of the budget.

(JC) Recreation Commission, Liaison to Board of Education, Public Information

JC thanked the Council's decision on Recreation Sports. The Recreation Commission would like to put more signage for field use. The signage would indicate that there is a permit required for field use. From time to time some organizations use Harrington Park fields without notification. KJT said that the funds from selling the street signs were split. Half goes to the Beautification Committee and the other half to the general fund. From the general fund we can take the signs out. JC will speak to Mark Kiernan about what areas could be considered.

(ALB) Borough Clerk/Administrator

- not present

Old Business

Amendment to Ordinance 350-3

There was no paperwork for Amendment to Ordinance 350-3 regarding the skateboard equipment. This will be tabled until the March meeting. GE noted that there were some wording changes in the last meeting.

Vegetation Management Response Act

AN referred to an article that Mr. Ardito forwarded regarding changes to a bill that public utility and cable companies would have the right to cut down trees regardless of municipal rules. He asked if there was a resolution passed in the last meeting in opposition to that? He asked if the council would be interested passing a resolution? PAH said that it was a matter of discussion at the Mayor's lunch. If there is a resolution to present AN could do it tonight. AN shared the article. AN would need to come up with a resolution that is in opposition to the bill reference in the article that Mr. Ardito provided in the last meeting to whomever party it needs to go to. The article S2505 was passed by the house and the senate and the governor.

PAH suggested to indicate opposition to the piece of legislation and work out a resolution to get the verbiage right. AN would like to introduce a resolution in opposition to the vegetation management response act S2505 and Assembly A2558. GE said that this is probably the companion bill. It would be to the senate and governor.

Motion: AN

Second: JP

No discussion or comments.

Vote: AIF said "Aye". None opposed.

AN and PAH will talk to Mr. Dineen about content and wording.

New Business

GE said there was a police officer on injury leave for a while. He was cleared to return to normal duties this Wednesday. He performed light duties for a couple of weeks. A large portion of the approximately \$5,000 in overtime was to pay for officers covering shifts while he was on injury leave. GE believes this cause of a higher overtime balance can be mitigated. The police department is back to full staff.

PAH said that this was recommended by JIF because many cases linger. By giving light duty encourages officers to go back to regular work shifts. GE noted that the officer was not able to wear his uniform because he was not able to carry a service firearm. He was out for the last qualification round therefore was not qualified to carry a side arm. He will be going to the range with our firearm guys immediately prior to coming on shift on Wednesday afternoon. He should not have a problem re-qualifying.

(PAH) Mayor's Report

Allegro – COAH property

PAH shared with the Council that the work with Allegro, COAH and the development of the property next to the gas station has closed. On February 12, 2019, Allegro became the owner of

the water company property; United Way closed on the gas station property; a couple of weeks ago, Reduce closed on the parcels for the townhouses.

The fire exercise on February 17, 2019 was probably the last opportunity to use that property for drills. The contractors are getting ready for demolition. Following demolition, it will be 18-24 months before the building will be ready for occupancy.

The county executive was at the Mayor's breakfast. He discussed the willingness of the county to share equipment with the local towns. Where we don't have a particular piece of equipment there is a lot available to us. The county would be more than willing to share. Shared service coordinator was also at the meeting. PAH feels they are impressed with what is being done in the Northern Valley because so many activities are controlled by various towns through shared service agreements. JC asked if there are contacts to share equipment with the Recreation Commission. Recreation is always considering on the fields and the parks. PAH will provide contact information and a get list of items available.

Tomorrow, PAH will attend a meeting with the Riverside Co-op regarding the paving of roadways. It is an ongoing process. Mark will prepare material for PAH to submit and to get prices.

This Thursday, there is a JIF meeting. PAH will share in the next meeting.

Meeting Open to Public

Motion: GE

Second: JP

Vote: AIF

No one from the public was present.

Meeting Closed to Public

Motion: GE

Second: JP

Vote: AIF

(PAH) Motion to Adjourn: JP

Time: 7:38PM

Second: GE

Vote: AIF

RESOLUTION

~~**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits a public body to conduct business in Closed Session during a public meeting; and~~

~~**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council deem it necessary to discuss certain matters in Closed Session as permitted by the aforesaid statute.~~

~~**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that discussion of the aforementioned subjects may be made public at such time as disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect the interest and Borough as to said discussion.~~

~~**Return to Open Session**~~

~~**Adjournment Time:**~~

~~**Motion:**~~

~~**Second:**~~

~~**Vote:**~~

Addendum A

Resolution 2019-50

Granting Payment to School Crossing Guards for Inclement Weather Cancellations

WHEREAS, the Borough of Harrington Park has for the safety of our pedestrian school students employed “school crossing guards” to assist students crossing different intersections within the Borough during school hours;

WHEREAS, the rate of pay and compensation for the school crossing guards is established under the Borough of Harrington Park Salary Ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park have determined that each school guard scheduled to be posted on a particular day that school is canceled for inclement weather shall be paid for the cancellation days up to a maximum of 2 days per calendar year at normal rates of compensation;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are sufficient funds to cover the anticipated expense;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park that school crossing guards assigned on a school day canceled as a result of inclement weather shall be paid their customary and regular compensation for a maximum of 2 canceled days in any calendar year and retroactive to January 1, 2019.

Addendum B

Resolution 2019-51

Include Recreation Sports Program as Part of Borough Program

WHEREAS the Borough of Harrington Park has for a long time encouraged and assisted local youth sports programs within the Borough;

WHEREAS the Borough of Harrington Park through the Harrington Park Recreation Board has administered to individual youth sport teams by securing available facility time for training, competition and maintenance of fields;

WHEREAS, historically each sport was privately sponsored by an association within the community to manage and make available recreational opportunities to Borough residents;

WHEREAS, financially many sport activities have suffered over the years and are in danger of failure;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined it is in the best interest of the public health, welfare and security of the Borough to see that such teams continue to exist for its residents;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that youth baseball and softball are at serious risk of failure;

WHEREAS, the has certified that there are sufficient funds available to assist such programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the Harrington Park Recreation Commission shall in all respects coordinate and assume responsibility for the ongoing youth baseball and softball, merging the now existing individual associations for those sports under the control and direction of the Recreation Commission and direct that the Recreation Commission shall take such action as is necessary to continue Harrington Park youth baseball and softball subject always to oversight by the Mayor and Council.

Addendum C
Resolution 2019-52
Payment of Claims

WHEREAS, claims have been submitted to the Borough of Harrington Park in the following amounts under various funds of the town:

Current Appropriations (2018)	\$ 60,655.16
Current Appropriations (2019)	\$ 741,385.68
General Capital Fund	\$ 140,350.55
Animal Trust	\$ 790.00
Miscellaneous Trust	\$ 7,748.62
Affordable Housing Trust	\$
Open Space Trust Fund	\$ 7,500.00
Grants	\$ 1,300.00
Total	\$ 959,730.01

WHEREAS, above claims have been listed and summarized in the attached Bills List Report, and the corresponding vouchers have been reviewed and approved by the department head, Borough Council, and the chief financial officer; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the funds have been properly appropriated for such purposes and are available in the Borough of Harrington Park and that the claims specified on the schedule attached hereto, following examination and approval by the Council and Chief Financial Officer and Department Head be paid and checks issued accordingly; and

WHEREAS, claims have already been paid in the following amounts for the purpose specified below:

Payroll- Salaries/Wages	\$ 115,444.52
Payroll- Salaries/Wages	\$ 115,636.90
Payroll- Salaries/Wages	\$ 118,604.45
Payroll- Salaries/Wages	\$ 119,189.66

Local School- Jan + Feb 2019	\$ 2,023,312.00
Regional School – November 2018	\$ 676,166.25
Health Benefits- Jan + Feb 2019	\$ 87,712.76
Capital Improvement Fund	\$
Debt Services Principle (bond)	\$
Debt Services Interest	\$ 19,036.00
Debt Service Loan/Interest (NJEIT)	\$ 8,491.53

TOTAL	\$ 3,283,594.07
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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park that the claims totaling **\$4,243,324.08** be approved and ratified respectively.

Addendum AA

1/23/2019

Suez petition for system improvement charges

Pseg Flood Hazard Permit

Altice Franchise payment for 2018-\$33,256.

Green Acres Funding deadline-March 30, 2019.

1/28/2019

Emerson zoning amendment to ordinance

BCUA Recycling enhancement program

Bergen County Historic Advisory Board Awards

Bergen JIF-Cyber Security procedure

2/1/2019

Bergen County Building and Construction Trades rebuttal to the opposition to the Power Plant in North Bergen.

Tax Appeal for 200 Old Hook Road

Rockland Electric request for municipal construction plans for 2019

2/11/2019

NJ Transit Public Hearing

Expedited MHLEO Officer contract with the County received.

Public Notice-Emerson Commercial District Zoning.

BCUA will be issuing rebate check \$5419.63 Connection Fees.

Neglia response to O/R for roadway projects 2019

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